

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Ann Menzies Salt Lake City Public Library E 210 E 400 S Salt Lake City, UT 84111

RE: Public Record for EPA Tentative determination on application of the Tekoi Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facility for approval of an alternative liner system design.

Dear Ann:

Please include the enclosed file in the Salt Lake City Public Library public records section. The records will need to be available for 30 days after publication of the public notice. I don't know that date yet, as I am still in the process of publishing the notice with local newspapers, but as soon as I do have a date to remove the file I will contact you.

If you have any other questions, please call me at (303) 312-7008 (or email her at trujillo.susanna@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

Susanna Trujillo Solid and Hazardous Waste Program

Enclosure



AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8.

ACTION: Tentative determination on application of the Tekoi Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facility for approval of an alternative liner system design.

SUMMARY: Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6941-6949a requires EPA to establish minimum federal criteria to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills are designed and operated in a manner that protects human health and the environment. These standards are codified at 40 CFR Part 258. Generally, these criteria are technical standards and are self-implementing. For many of these criteria, part 258 also establishes a flexible performance-based standard as an alternative to the self implementing regulations.

The Tekoi Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facility is located on tribal trust lands within the boundaries of the Skull Valley Reservation. The owner/operator, CR Group, LLC through the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, has requested a waiver and would like to use the flexible standards for the liner. They would like to use a geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) in place of the required composite compacted clay liner.

Federal CFR Part 258 landfill regulations require compacted clay liners, but allow these requirements to be waived if the landfill owner/operator can demonstrate that the proposed GCL liner can replace two feet of compacted bentonite-enhanced soil as proposed in the original design. The EPA has reviewed the CR Group's technical report "Design Modification for Use of Geosynthetic Clay Liner" and evaluated the site-specific data and models to determine if installation of the appropriate GCL will provide the same level of reduction in permeability as the two feet of compacted bentonite-enhanced native soil. EPA reviewed all information submitted by the CR Group and tentatively determined that the proposed alternative liner meets or exceeds the performance standards set forth in 40 CFR 258.40 Design Criteria.

COMMENT PERIOD: The <u>EPA is inviting public review and comment</u> and will consider all public comments on its tentative determination during the public comment period. Issues raised by those comments may be the basis for a decision not to approve CR Group's request. EPA will make a final determination on whether or not to approve the request and will give notice of this decision in local newspapers. The notice will include a summary of the reasons for the final determination and a response to all major comments. To be considered in EPA's final decision to approve or disapprove the Tribe's request, comments must be received by DATE TBD (30 days from publication). Any person may request a public meeting during the comment period. EPA will not hold a public meeting unless one is requested. If a public meeting is scheduled, a public notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting will be published in local newspapers.

CONTACT INFORMATION: A copy of the CR Group's request, EPA's review, and supporting documents are available for review and copying at the following address: Salt Lake

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCES ITS REVIEW OF A REQUEST FROM THE SKULL VALLEY BAND OF GOSHUTE INDIANS FOR A WAIVER OF THE ORIGINAL DESIGN OF THE COMPACTED CLAY LINER TO BE PREPLACED WITH A GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY (GCL) LINER. THE TRIBE SUBMITS THE REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE CR GROUP, LESSOR OF THE TEKOI BALEFILL LOCATED ON THE SKULL VALLEY RESERVATION

The Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indian's, on behalf of the CR Group, Lessor of the the Tekoi Balefill, has requested a waiver of the original design of the compacted clay liner to be replaced with a geosynthetic clay (GCL) liner for the balefill. The facility is located within the boundaries of the Skull Valley Reservation.

The owner of a municipal landfill in Indian country is responsible for complying with Federal landfill regulations. These regulations require a composite liner and leachate collection and removal system, unless the operator can demonstrate that an alternate design will be protective of ground water. These requirements can be found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 258.

The CR Group's request and documentation justifying these waivers are currently being reviewed by EPA in consultation with the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Tribe. If EPA finds that the proposal meets the regulatory criteria and will be protective of human health and the environment, the Agency will issue a tentative approval and request public comment before making a final decision. The start of the public comment period will be announced in a future public notice.

Requests for information about this notice should be directed to: Susanna Trujillo, EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO, 80202, Phone: (303) 312-7008, E-mail: trujillo.susanna@epa.gov.

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